

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the last paragraph (paragraph 6) beginning on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a side cutaway view elevation of the invented stair stringer with treads 17 and risers 18 attached with a plurality of fasteners shown with modification of additional material **21, which may be laminated or otherwise** added to **at least one side of the** stringer for increased strength or rigidity [[21]].